

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Emma Lou Bingham Meunier.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Emma Lou Bingham Meunier is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as a school teacher and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meunier is best known for her magnificent musical talent, particularly on the piano, and she has shared this talent with generations of students and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Richard and Myrtle Norris Bingham, Ms. Meunier was taught early on to embrace her natural musical inclinations; though she never had formal musical instruction, by the age of eleven she accompanied the choir at church, a practice she continues today; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meunier nobly decided to devote her life to teaching rather than a career as a musician; she began teaching at the age of twenty and later earned her Master's degree from Tennessee Tech; and

WHEREAS, though she has taught almost every subject, the now-retired teacher's favorite was always music; she is a firm believer that music adds to life and a child's ability to learn; and

WHEREAS, her students have returned the love and respect shown to them by Mrs. Meunier, as she was asked by the first class she taught to hand out their diplomas at high school graduation, and she has received Teacher of the Year honors in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, those who know her best describe Ms. Meunier as not only a teacher, but also a "moral compass" for her students; and

WHEREAS, Emma Meunier exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Emma Meunier has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, students, and the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Emma Lou Bingham Meunier upon her exemplary career as an educator, commend her for her dedication to the enrichment of young lives through music, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.